

Appln No.: 10/063,792
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Reply to Office Action of December 30, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is filed in response to the Official Action mailed December 30, 2005 for the above-captioned application. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

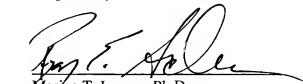
In response to Applicant's amendment and remarks filed on October 5, 2005 in this case, the Examiner rejects claim 1, and therefore all dependant claims, stating that, "because the claim recites a bottle having, rather than comprising, an annular portion, the claim does not exclude an annular portion on the label of a bottle." See page 7 last sentence of the December 30, 2005 office action.

In light of the Examiner's above-mentioned statement the undersigned has amended claim 1 to replace the word "having" with the word "comprising". Support for this amendment can be found throughout the application as filed. For example at page 5 paragraph [0017], "In one embodiment of the present invention, the articles comprise an annular body, for example a right cylinder (circular, elliptical or other closed rounded shape), having a contiguous bottom and a contiguous top. See page 5 paragraph [0017]. See also figures 3A and 3B.

According to the conversation held between the Examiner and Applicant's attorney Dr. Marina Larson on March 30, 2006, the undersigned submits that this amendment is sufficient to overcome the rejections to the present claims.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this application is in form for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,



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